



Grandfather's Clock

In this alcove stood for almost 50 years a beautiful and very valuable tall clock, c.1770, called after 1876, "Grandfather's Clock." It was a very choice gift from Miss Mary Adams Heard whose father, Col. David Heard, and his forefathers had owned the clock in their home on Pelham Island.

It is generally believed that the clock looked very much like the one shown here on the left. Recently the negative for a picture of the actual Library clock was discovered and printed. This picture shown on the right is the only record of the Wayland Library's clock.

Sadly on July 7th or 8th 1975 it was stolen, never to be seen again by anybody in Wayland. It is speculated that the never identified thieves entered through a rear cellar window. There were at about the same time a number of antiques stolen in this area and it is generally believed by the police that they were all taken South and sold to unsuspecting buyers.

It was made in Lexington by one of two clock makers Nathaniel Mulliken or Nathaniel Mulliken II who lived and worked before and after the Revolution. In fact their shop in Lexington, for reasons unknown, was burned by the British on their way back from Concord to Charlestown.

